

I would like to state a complaint about the upcoming showing of "Stolen Honor" that Sinclair Broadcasting is having their stations air prior to the election.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. There is already enough poor journalism out there, making it difficult for people to make informed decisions; when partisan "documentaries" are aired, particularly under the heading of "news", it muddies the water further. There are many outlets available for people to access these documentaries if they choose. Please stop our public airwaves from being the vehicle.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you for your time
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